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Thought for the Day: *"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us"* - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Guests:
 Joanne with Elaine McDonald
 Speaker Amy Parker with David Hecht

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Board Meeting:

9/28 (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at Patriot Ambulance

Weekly Programs

8/25 – Jake Kevorkian III, Numis Network –

Precious metals in an age of uncertainty, cool coins, and more.

9/1 – Doug Detweiler, District Governor Nominee

Benefits of Rotary Leadership Institute for the member, club, etc

9/8 – Dr. Charles Lee, Assoc. Prof. of Pathology, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School

Advances in genetic diagnoses and personalized cancer treatment

Rotary Day in Boston-8/26

Luncheon with RI President and/or Rotary at the Red Sox in support of the "End Polio Now" campaign.

See Peg Thorsen for details

Bocce Tournament – 8/30 –

Friendly Rivalry with Hudson Rotary Club, 5:30 p.m. at Portuguese Club, River Road, Hudson.

See Pete Mongeau

Labor Day Parade Funds Drive –

Raffle: Red Sox tickets for game on 9/20

\$10/ticket; see George Whapham

Labor Day Parade Float Building –

Theme: Clean Water for the Children of the World

Need Help! Volunteers sought to work (need four people/one hour apiece.)

Contact President Elaine McDonald or VP Dave Walton to decorate the Friday before Labor Day at Patriot Ambulance

Citywide Electronics Collection Fundraiser– 10/22

Marlborough Middle School

Recycle your old TVs, Computers, Refrigerators, etc.

Purple Pinkie Day – 10/22

in conjunction with Electronics Collection –

Donations & education to eradicate Polio worldwide!

This is International Purple Pinky Day

Volunteers needed to man the table. Contact Peg Thorsen

Reality Fair – 10/24 – Marlborough High School

Volunteers needed to assist students as they learn how to manage a real-life budget including housing, transportation, clothing, food, and other life demands.



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P.O. Box 186
Marlborough, MA 01752

We Meet Every Thursday
12:15 p.m.
Fish Restaurant
Corner South Bolton St.
& Granger Blvd.
Marlborough, MA 01752

Public Welcome
Lunch 12:15 p.m.
Speaker 1:00 p.m.
Choice of three entrees
\$17.00

We're on the Web

www.marlboroughrotary.org

Service above Self

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What you missed if you didn't catch today's program ☺

Speaker Amy Parker, Volunteer for Keeping KidZSafe.

Amy is a home based travel agent who volunteers for 'Keeping Kidz Safe,' part of the Parental Intelligence Systems. While her children are grown and did not have any of the negative online experiences she described, she is a dedicated proponent of raising adults' consciousness about the dangers kids face today in our increasingly electronics-based world.

Keeping KidZ Safe was started by a gentleman whose own child was approached online by a Lacrosse Coach who wanted to be a 'friend'...and was later arrested on 24 counts of sexual predation! Shocked by the ease with which this man was able to get close to his child, he realized that times have changed, and our kids are exposed to cyber predation – both bullying and sexting – earlier and earlier.

Teens spend 25% of their waking time online – games, music, homework, g-mail, AIM, texting friends. Younger and younger, kids are socially mobile in a world where they are comfortable and we adults do not 'speak the language.' Kids use media to create content – photos, videos, blogs – thereby exposing their thoughts and identities to the world. MySpace and Facebook have broken down barriers, so kids are friends with a world of strangers, and not many protections; a national trend.

Cyberbullying is harassing, humiliating, taunting someone online using rumors, gossip or posting pictures without permission. Sexting is sending sexually explicit messages, photos or videos. In some states these activities are illegal, yet 20% of kids interviewed say they have done such things! These are issues for girls AND boys.

Parents can and must learn the warning signs of 'grooming' by predators. By using privacy settings on browsers, social network sites, and mobile phones, parents can access 'Smart Tools' to educate themselves and others, engage their kids in discussions, protect their kids, and share (this workshop) with others. By being aware of the dangers we can work together to protect our children.

Learn more on Amy's website <http://www.WeProtectKidz.com> : empowering parents to protect what matters most.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Doolin*

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